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REFERENCES: A) TEL AVIV 459; B) BEIRUT 739; C) JERUSALEM 164

1. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, ISRAELI MFA SOURCE (REFTEL A) IS OVERSTATING FACTS IN CALLING PALESTINIAN NATIONAL FRONT (PNF) STRICTLY A FRONT ORGANIZATION FOR JORDANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. PNF IS LOOSE CONFEDERATION OF SOME WEST BANK COMMUNISTS, BAATHIS, SOME ANM (NOT PFLP) REMNANTS AND SOME INDEPENDENTS OF SIMILAR INCLINATIONS.

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PNF DATES BACK TO ABOUT AUGUST 1973 AND GAINED MOMENTUM

WITH PUBLICITY CONCERNING EXPULSION OF 8 ORGANIZERS TO JORDAN IN EARLY DECEMBER.

2. SIMILARLY, WE HAVE NO INFO TO SUBSTANTIATE ISRAELI MFA SPECULATION THAT JORDANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY BACKING AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN AMBIVALENT ON QUESTION OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE AND WE HAVE NOTED DIFFERENCES WITHIN JORDANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ON THIS QUESTION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL SPLIT WITHIN THE JORDANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WITH REGARD TO CURRENT PALESTINE QUESTION. THERE HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN WEST AND EAST BANK ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN WITHIN THE JORDANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY UMBRELLA, AND THEREFORE THIS FACT SHOULD NOT BE READ AS HAVING CURRENT SIGNIFICANCE WITH REGARD TO JCP ATTITUDES TOWARDS INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE.

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